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SUBJ: ILO ACTIVITIES IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC

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1. EMBASSY LABOR OFFICER REVIEWED BROAD RANGE OF ILO ACTIVITIES IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC WITH ILO REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE EDWARD DOWDING AND HIS DEPUTY, PAUL MINNE. ILO REGIONAL OFFICE LOCATED IN SUVA COVERS ENTIRE SOUTH PACIFIC, INCLUDING AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, PAPUA NEW GUINEA AND FRNCH PACIFIC TERRITORIES AS WELL AS FORMER BRITISH TERRITORIES AND INDEPENDENT AND SELF-GVOERNING STATES. DOWDING WAS HAPPY TO REVIEW AND APPRAISE ILO ACTIVITIES FOR PURPOSE OF REFTEL, BUT TIME DID NOT PERMIT INDIVIDUAL PROJECT ANALYSIS FOR ALL PROJECTS HANDLED BY HIS OFFICE SINCE HE DEPARTING ON EXTENDED TRIP.

2. ILO ACTIVITIES IN REGION ARE CHARACTERIZED BY CLOSE COORDINATION WITH AND SUBSTANTIAL FUNDING THROUGH UNDP, WHICH ALSO HAS A REGIONAL OFFICE IN SUVA. SINCE ILO PROJECT OBJECTIVES ARE OFTEN SYNONYMOUS WITH UNDP OBJECTIVES IN REGION, PARTICULARLY IN MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT, ILO BENEFITS FROM CONSIDERABLE FINANCING OF ITS PROJECTS THROUGH UNDP, CURRENTLY BETWEEN 4-5 MILLION
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DOLLARS, ADMINISTERED BY ILO. IN ADDITION, ILO REGIONAL DIRECTOR HAS MODEST AMOUNT TO SPEND ON PROJECTS MORE NARROWLY FOCUSED IN HIS AREA. BECAUSE OF SUBSTANTIAL RELIANCE ON UNDP FUNDING, A NUMBER OF PROJECTS WERE SHELVED LAST YEAR DURING UNDP BUDGET CRISIS. HARDEST HIT WAS FIJI PROGRAM WHERE FOUR OF EIGHT PROJECTS WERE POSTPONED/CANCELED. EXCEPT FOR VAGARIES OF UNDP BUDGET, HOWEVER, ILO OFFICE HAS

HAD NO DIFFICULTIES WITH LEVEL OF SUPPORT FROM ILO HEADQUARTERS.

3. ILO PROJECTS HAVE CONCENTRATED IN FOUR AREAS: VOCATIONAL AND MANPOWER TRAINING IN COUNTRY, FELLOWSHIPS FOR TRAINING OUT OF COUNTRY, RESEARCH AND ADVISORY SERVICES TO INDIVIDUAL GOVERNMENTS, AND POPULATION/FAMILY PLANNING ACTIVITIES. THE MAJORITY OF RESOURCES IS DIRECTED TO VOCATIONAL TRAINING, FOR EXAMPLE IN FIJI WITH THE NATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL IN BOTH URBAN AND RURAL SITES. REGIONAL OFFICE HAS PROVIDED RESEARCH AND ADVICE ON REGULAR BASIS TO INDIVIDUAL GOVERNMENTS CONCERNING INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS ISSUES, FOR EXAMPLE PROVIDING STATISTICS ON WAGES IN OTHER GEOGRAPHIC AREAS, AND COMPARATIVE LAWS ON INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES, AND IN PROMOTING TRIPARTITE DISCUSSIONS. THE REGION HAS FOUR ILO MEMBERS: FIJI, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND. PROJECTS, HOWEVER, ARE LOCATED IN MOST OF THE OTHER SOUTH PACIFIC STATES AND TERRITORIES, INCLUDING THE COOK ISLANDS, GILBERT ISLANDS, WESTERN SAMOA, NEW HEBRIDES, AND THE SOLOMONS. ILO WAS ALSO THE FIRST UN AGENCY TO PROVIDE PROJECT ASSISTANCE TO NIUE AND TUVALU.

4. ILO STAFF HAS WIDE VARIETY OF BACKGROUNDS. DOWDING IS NEW ZEALANDER, MINNE IS BELGIAN, AND PROJECT OFFICERS INCLUDE THREE UN VOLUNTEERS IN WESTERN SAMOA. THERE ARE NO EAST EUROPEANS OR BLOC COUNTRIES REPRESENTED ON STAFF.

5. ONE MILESTONE THAT DOWDING IS VERY PROUD OF IS THE UNCLASSIFIED

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RECENT CONFERENCE HE ORGANIZED THROUGH THE PEACESAT SATELLITE NETWORK IN WHICH TEN TERMINALS PARTICIPATED IN DISCUSSION ON INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS. HE BELIEVES THIS WAS FIRST SUCH DISCUSSION ON THAT PARTICULAR TOPIC HELD OVER A SATELLITE NETWORK, AND IS LOOKING FORWARD TO A FOLLOWUP CONFERENCE IN NEAR FUTURE.

6. DOWDING AND HIS STAFF APPEAR TO BE ON GOOD TERMS WITH ALL THREE SECTORS, LABOR, EMPLOYERS AND GOVERNMENT, AND DOWDING SPENDS A SUBSTANTIAL PART OF HIS TIME TRAVELING IN THE REGION TO DEVELOP PERSONAL CONTACTS AND TO OVERSEE PROJECTS. HE IS ALSO IN TOUCH WITH HIS COLLEAGUES FROM OTHER UN AGENCIES AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT BODIES, AND SEEMS TO HAVE GOOD RAPPORT WITH ALL CONCERNED. WE RATE HIM AS HIGHLY EFFECTIVE ADMINISTRATOR WHO HAS BEEN ABLE TO DEVELOP SUBSTANTIVE PROJECTS IN VIRTUALLY ALL OF THE PACIFIC ISLAND STATES.

7. REQUEST DEPT ADVISE IF PROJECT INVENTORY MENTIONED

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